

Why We Are Who We Are (Genesis 1:26-28)

Sermon Devotional

Series: God Speaks on Manhood and Womanhood

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1. In the movie “The Lion King,” young Simba has a vision of his late father, who says to him, “You have forgotten who you are, and so, forgotten me.” Because we are made in God’s image, our identity is connected to God’s identity. Do you believe people today understand who God is?
2. Do you believe that people today understand who they should be? If people are confused about their identity, what kind of wrong ideas could this lead to?

Digging Deeper

3. Read Genesis 1:26-28 or access Pastor David’s message at broadviewchurch.com/media.
4. Unlike the animals that God created, we are made in God’s image. Like God, we have personhood. What does this say about our worth?
5. God gives humanity an essential function: to “have dominion” over the earth. We are to “fulfill the earth and subdue it.” This means that we are God’s royal representatives on earth, much like an earthly king might have an ambassador or emissary. What is an implication of representing God?
6. Being made in God’s image also makes us relational beings. We relate to God (he is our Creator and King), to one another (“male and female he created them”), and to the rest of creation (“have dominion”). How important to God are the relationships you maintain?
7. Read Genesis 2:15-24. According to the text, in what ways is the man similar to and different from the woman?

Bringing It Home

8. “Understanding yourself as a representative of God gives you a proper self image. Understanding others as representatives of God gives you a proper image of them.” Do you agree or disagree with this sentiment? Why?
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